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SUBJ: ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT CHANGES

1. IN ANNOUNCEMENT DATED OCTOBER31, ASP CHAIRMAN ABOUD JUMBE MADE WHAT IS ENTITLED AS "FIRST STEP IN RESIGNING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS".

CHANGES LOOSELY INVOLVE SHUFFLING OF

ASP FIGURES BUT ESTABLISH SEVEN NEW DEPARTMENTS. SOME NEW DEPART-

MENTS, HOWEVER, DO NOT TAKE ON ENTIRELY NEW FUNCTIONS AND THERE IS OVERLAP WITH SEVERAL OF PREVIOUSLY-ESTABLISHED TWELVE DEPARTMENTS. TWO APPOINTMENTS TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL BRING ITS MEMBERSHIP TO THIRTY TWO.

2. ALI MUSHIN ALI, REVCO MEMBER, BECOMES NEW ASP CHAIRMAN FOR TECHNICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AFFAIRS. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY CHAIRMAN FOR WORKS AND POWER. RASHID ABDULLA, REVCO MEMBER AND FORMERLY CHAIRMAN FOR ESTIMATES, IS NOW ASP CHAIRMAN FOR WATER AND POWER. MUSHIN BIN ALI, ANOTHER REVCO MEMBER, LEAVES CHAIRMANSHIP OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF INTERNAL TRADE.

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3. IBRAHIM MAKUNGU, REVCO MEMBER, HAS BEEN NAMED TO NEW ASP CHAIRMANSHIP FOR FISHERIES. IT NOT CLEAR WHAT THIS DOES TO HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF SECURITY. AMID AMEIR, ANOTHER REVCO MEMBER, IS NEW ASP CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WORKERS' RIGHTS. SAID WASHOTO, REVCO MEMBER, HAS BEEN NAMED TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

4. JGI MZEE, WHO HAS BEEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ASP, HAS BEEN NAMED AS NEW REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER AND ALSO BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF PORTS AND SHIPPING DEPARTMENT. HE IS JOINED AS NEW REVCO MEMBER BY KASSIM ALI WHO WAS ALSO APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF WORKS AND HOUSING.

5. IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS, REVCO MEMBER ALI MWINYIGOGO WAS NAMED ACTING CHAIRMAN OF CULTURE, AND TWO NON-REVCO MEMBERS, BAKARI JABU AND DR. SULEIMAN MNOGA, WERE DESIGNATED RESPECTIVELY AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF TECHNICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING. DR. MNOGA CONTINUES ALSO AS SECRETARY TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

6. COMMENT: UNTIL FURTHER REORGANIZATION STEPS ANNOUNCED IT NOT CLEAR WHO HAS GAINED OR LOST IN GOZ CHANGES BUT IT APPEARS SO FAR THERE ARE NO OUTRIGHT LOSERS. THOSE WHOSE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMANSHIPS WERE AFFECTED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS ALI NJSHIN AND MUSHIN BIN ALI, HAVE BEEN GIVEN NEW CHAIRMANSHIPS. CHANGES JUST MADE SEEM MORE FOR SAKE OF RATIONALIZING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION TO SUIT DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, SUCH AS UPGRADING DEVELOPMENT PLANNING APPARATUS AND ESTABLISHING SEPARATE FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THAN TO REMOVE DEADWOOD FROM SENIOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.
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